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(*b*) the number of panchayat schools established in the area for the year ending 1926–27;

(*c*) the number of panchayat schools the Government propose to open in that area for the year ending 1927–28;

(*d*) the number of panchayat schools opened in that area since the beginning of the year 1927–28;

(*e*) the number of panchayat schools in the area in which children of the depressed classes are admitted; and

(*f*) the number of children of all classes and the number of children of the depressed classes attending panchayat schools in the area?

A.—(*a*) to (*f*) Information has been called for from the Registrar-General of Panchayats.

Admission of depressed classes students in panchayat schools.

* 1679 *Q.*—Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of panchayat schools in all the districts of the Presidency;

(*b*) the number of such schools in which children of the depressed classes are admitted;

(*c*) the number of children of the depressed classes and of all other classes attending the panchayat schools; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for it?

A.—(*a*) 800.

(*b*) to (*d*) The Government have called for the information.

Local Boards

Constitution of the Union Board of Alandur, etc.

* 1680 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in pursuance of the publication of G.O. Mis. No. 2139, Law (General), dated 7th July 1927, the District Collector of Chingleput has recommended to the Government in the month of October 1927 for the exclusion of Sadar Bazaar area from the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount *cum* Pallavaram and for the formation of a union board under the Madras Local Boards Act, in the excluded area;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that resolutions have been passed by the Saidapet Taluk Board and Chingleput District Board to the effect that the excluded area should be constituted into a union from 1st April 1928;

(*c*) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to give effect to the recommendations of the local boards concerned; and

(*d*) whether they will be pleased to expedite the same;

A.—(*a*) In reply to a reference from the Government the Collector of Chingleput reported in November 1927 that he was in favour of constituting Alandur a union.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*) The matter is under consideration. It is expected that a decision will be arrived at shortly.